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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to provide you hereunder with details of the violations of the cease-fire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side in the period 29 June-28 September 1994.

1. The following ships and boats were subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats when leaving or entering the Shatt al-Arab on the dates indicated:

(a)	Ayman	Wednesday, 29 June 1994
(b)	Nadir (belonging to Al-Khalij al-Arabi)	Wednesday, 29 June 1994
(c)	Al-Anwar (belonging to Al-Sahil al-Arabi)	Wednesday, 29 June 1994
(d)	Pilot cutter	Sunday, 7 August 1994
(e)	Pilot cutter	Monday, 15 August 1994
(f)	Pilot cutter	Monday, 15 August 1994

2. Monday, 22 August 1994

An armed Iranian patrol boat abducted the Iraqi fishermen Hasan Ni'mah, Mundhir Abd al-Al and Muhammad Abd al-Husayn while they were fishing in Iraqi territorial waters and took them and their boat to the Iranian side. They have yet to return. They are from the Harithah area of Basra Governorate.

3. Wednesday, 24 August 1994

At 0715 hours the Iraqi vessel Al-Fida' was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats while under way in the Ra's al-Bayshah area and heading for Mina' al-Bakr in the Shatt al-Arab. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it and questioned the crew. It was allowed to proceed on its way only after a delay of almost half an hour.

4. Tuesday, 30 August 1994

At 1010 hours the research vessel belonging to the Marine Sciences Centre was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats while proceeding for scientific purposes from Mina' al-Faw towards Iraqi territorial waters in the Ra's al-Bayshah area in the Shatt al-Arab. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it, questioned the crew and seized the ship's papers. The papers were returned only at 1300 hours when the vessel was on its way back.

5. Friday, 2 September 1994

At 1100 hours the Sima 2, a foreign tugboat leased to Al-Khalij al-Arabi, was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats near buoy 12 in the entrance to the Shatt al-Arab. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it and questioned the crew. The captain's passport was confiscated, and the vessel was allowed to proceed on its way only at 1220 hours on Thursday, 3 September 1994.

6. Saturday, 3 September 1994

At 0700 hours the Iranian side fired four bursts of four rounds each from a single-barrel machine-gun into the air in the direction of the Iraqi Hilah post from coordinates 778178 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) inside the area of separation.

7. Saturday, 3 September 1994

At 0730 hours Al-Mithaq, an Iraqi tugboat belonging to the Iraq Ports Authority, was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats near buoy 12 in the entrance to the Shatt al-Arab. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it, questioned the crew and seized the ship's papers. It was allowed to proceed on its way only at 0800 hours. On its way back, it was again subjected to aggression and provocation by the personnel of the same patrol, who detained it and its crew until 1405 hours.

8. Friday, 9 September 1994

At 1030 hours the foreign vessel FUU, while coming from the sea in the direction of Iraqi territorial waters in the Khawr al-Amayah area near the entrance to the Shatt al-Arab, was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it and questioned the crew. It was allowed to proceed on its way only at 1200 hours.

9. Saturday, 10 September 1994

At 1000 hours the Iranian side, using blocks, proceeded to build two huts at the Iranian post at coordinates 942740 (Kharnubiyah; 1:100,000 map of Saybah) inside the area of separation.

10. Saturday, 10 September 1994

At 1600 hours the Iraqi vessel Nadiyah was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats while proceeding from Basra to Umm Qasr in the area opposite buoy 12 near the entrance to the Shatt al-Arab inside Iraqi territorial waters. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it and questioned the crew. It was allowed to proceed on its way only after being detained for 15 minutes.

11. Saturday, 10 September 1994

At 1630 hours the Iraqi vessel Ann was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats while proceeding from Basra to Umm Qasr in the area opposite buoy 12 near the entrance to the Shatt al-Arab inside Iraqi territorial waters. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it and questioned the crew. It was allowed to proceed on its way only after being detained for 70 minutes.

12. Monday, 12 September 1994

At 0950 hours, for the second time since 29 August 1994, the Iranian side prevented Iraqi forces from the Iraqi border post at Mundhiriyah from replacing the Iraqi flag with a new one. The flag was located exactly on the boundary line in front of the Iraqi border complex at Mundhiriyah at coordinates 435049 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin). A military force of some 20 soldiers was mobilized in order to prevent the replacement from taking place.

13. Monday, 12 September 1994

At 1325 hours a force of some 30 persons from the Iranian regular army was seen deploying with weapons, including rifles and launchers, on the heights near the Iranian Khusrawi post. Another force consisting of some 20 persons with their weapons was seen approaching from the Iranian rear in the direction of the Iranian Khusrawi border complex. They took up positions in the complex at coordinates 435050 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin) inside the area of separation and then, at 1415 hours, withdrew inside Iranian territory.

14. Wednesday, 14 September 1994

At 0850 hours an Iranian aircraft was seen flying from south to north and violating Iraqi airspace to a depth of some 3 kilometres in the Jabasi area at coordinates 3376 North, 770 East (1:250,000 map of Suq al-Shuyukh).

15. Sunday, 18 September 1994

At 1300 hours armed Iranian patrol boats detained the Power, a vessel leased to Al-Khalij and heading for Basra, near buoy 12 in the Ra's al-Bayshah area of the Shatt al-Arab.

16. Monday, 19 September 1994

At 1245 hours armed Iranian patrol boats detained the Narikan, a vessel leased to Al-Khalij and heading for Basra, near buoy 12 in the Ra's al-Bayshah area of the Shatt al-Arab.

17. Tuesday, 20 September 1994

At 0930 hours the Power I, a Qatari vessel leased to Al-Khalij for the carriage of foodstuffs, was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats near buoy 12 opposite Iranian Customs in the Shatt al-Arab while coming from the sea in the direction of Basra. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it and questioned the crew. It was allowed to proceed on its way only at 1230 hours on Tuesday, 22 September 1994.

18. Tuesday, 20 September 1994

At 1130 hours the Taykan, a Qatari vessel leased to Al-Khalij for the carriage of foodstuffs, was subjected to aggression and provocation by armed Iranian patrol boats near buoy 12 opposite Iranian Customs in the Shatt al-Arab while coming from the sea in the direction of Basra. The personnel of the Iranian patrol halted the vessel, searched it and questioned the crew. It was allowed to proceed on its way only at 1000 hours on Monday, 21 September 1994.

19. Sunday, 25 September 1994

At 0825 hours 10 individuals with shovels on the Iranian side were seen carrying out maintenance work on Iranian positions inside the area of separation at coordinates 035937 (1:100,000 map of Tib) opposite the Iraqi Tib post.

20. Wednesday, 28 September 1994

At 0700 hours the Iranian side, using blocks and cement, built a hut and raised a white flag at coordinates 905803 (1:100,000 map of Kut Sawadi).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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